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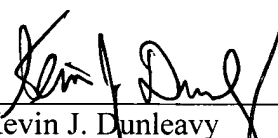
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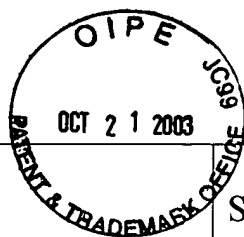
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U.S. Patent Documents

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	AB	4,721,740	1/26/88	Takeshita et al.	523/215	523/200
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Foreign Patent Documents

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